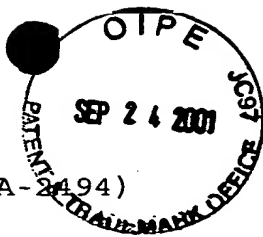


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REQUEST TO APPROVE DRAWING CHANGES

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S i r :

Please approve the drawing changes in response to page 3 item 4 of the office action dated April 24, 2001. The drawing changes are marked in red on the accompanying informal drawings. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of Figs. 1 to 6 are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 4

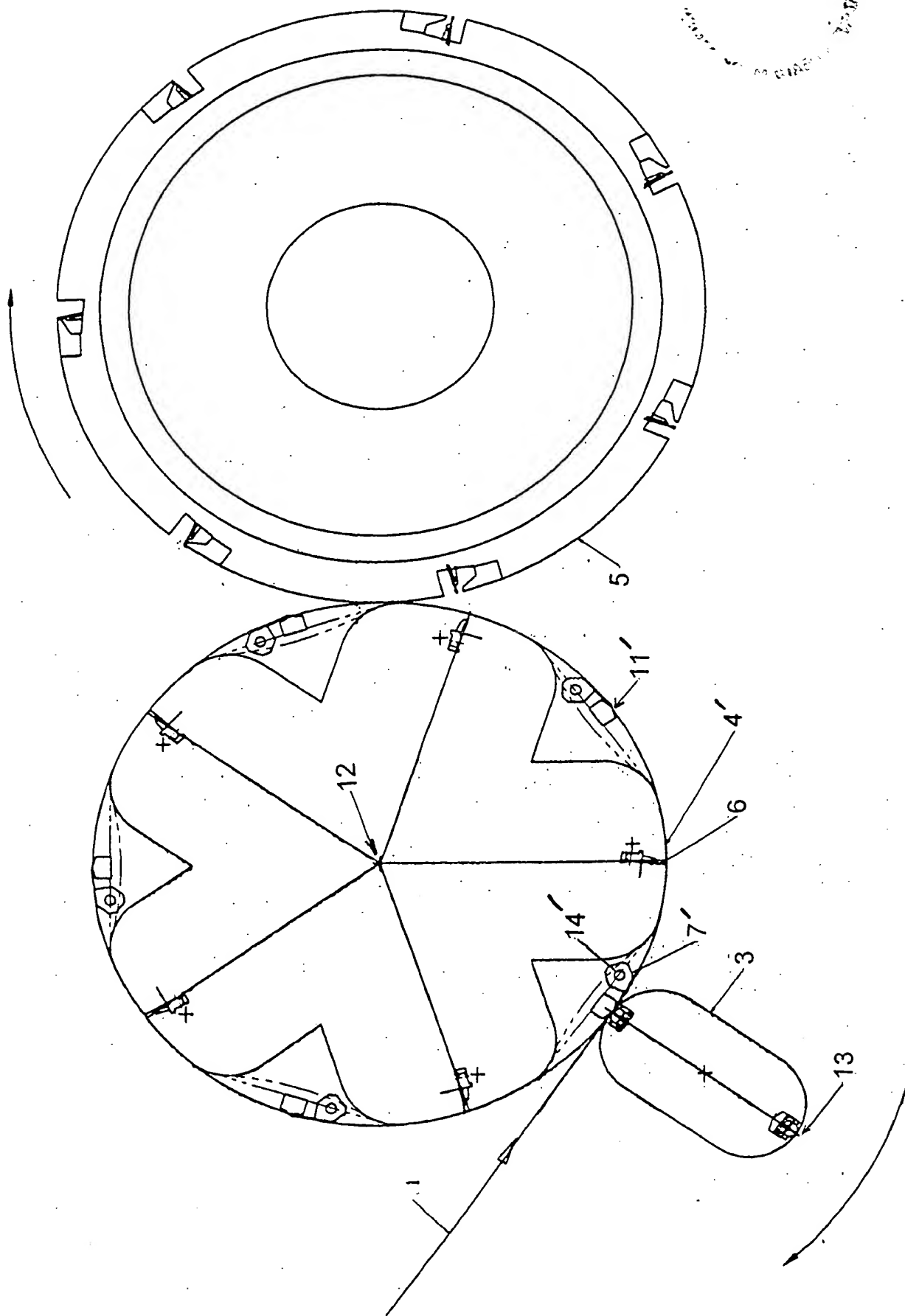


Fig. 5

This technical drawing shows a top-down view of a circular mechanical assembly. A central circle has a diameter dimensioned as $\varnothing 1000.00$. Six rollers, labeled 6, are arranged radially around the center. Each roller has a cylindrical body with a central hole and a flange at one end. The distance from the center to the axis of each roller is indicated by a dimension line labeled 12. The rollers are mounted on a common support structure, which includes a base plate 5 and a ring 8. A curved arrow indicates the direction of rotation. Other labels include 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, 13, 14, and 15, pointing to various components and features.

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